

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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February 22, 2013

TO:

Parties & Intervenors

State Agencies pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50j(h)

Commissioner Reuben F. Bradford, DESPP, pursuant to RCSA 16-50j-12

FROM:

Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE:

**DOCKET NO. 435** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Stamford Reliability Cable Project, which consists of construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV underground transmission circuit extending approximately 1.5 miles between Glenbrook and South End Substations,

Stamford, Connecticut and related substation improvements.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

Pursuant to General Statutes §16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits state agency written comments and consultation. A response on or before March 21, 2013, will be appreciated. A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50*l*. You may access the application and other documents from this proceeding on our website at <a href="https://www.ct.gov/csc">www.ct.gov/csc</a> under the link "Pending Proceedings."

#### LR/cm

#### Enclosure (1)

Secretary of the State (via e-mail service)
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# HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2013, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the NEON Stamford Gymnasium (formerly CTE Inc.), 34 Woodland Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from The Connecticut Light & Power Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Stamford Reliability Cable Project, which consists of construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV underground transmission circuit extending approximately 1.5 miles between Glenbrook and South End Substations, Stamford, Connecticut and related substation improvements.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, maintenance, and operation of the project. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Thursday, March 28, 2013, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by March 21, 2013. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before March 21, 2013.



Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the hearing. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the City Clerk's Office of the Stamford City Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by March 21, 2013.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

## **Applicant**

## **Its Representative**

The Connecticut Light & Power Co.

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A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on Council website at <a href="http://www.ct.gov/csc">http://www.ct.gov/csc</a> under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application docket no. 435.

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